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TAGS: EAID ZA IBRD
SUBJECT: IBRD CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING ON ZAMBIA IN PARIS,
JUNE 27-29, 1978
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1. ON JUNE 20 EMBOFF REQUESTED INFO CONCERNING GOR PLANS FOR
SUBJECT MEETING FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE DIRECTOR FOR
AFRICAN AFFAIRS TALPOS, AND DCM ASKED MFA WESTERN HEMISPHERE
DIRECTOR BOGDAN TO CHECK OUT ROMANIAN INTENTIONS. BOTH WERE
GIVEN READOUT CONTENTS PARA 3 REFTEL.

2. TALPOS REPLIED GOR DEL WOULD BE HEADED BY NICOLAE EREMIA
OF MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ASSISTED BY MEMBER GOR EMBASSY STAFF
PARIS.

3. BOGDAN TOLD DCM JUNE 21 EREMIA WOULD REPRESENT ROMANIA AT
SUBJECT MEETING SINCE FINANCE MINISTRY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
RELATIONS WITH IBRD, BUT WOULD PARTICIPATE BASICALLY AS
OBSERVER WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, PERHAPS ASKING A FEW
QUESTIONS. IN PARTICULAR, HE WOULD NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO
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ENTER INTO FURTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS ON BEHALF GOR,
ALTHOUGH FURTHER STEPS MIGHT BE DISCUSSED AFTER HIS
RETURN ON BASIS OF HIS REPORT. NOTING "WASHINGTON
PROBABLY KNOWS BETTER THAN I DO," BOGDAN ALLUDED TO 1975
BILATERAL CREDIT TO ZAMBIA OF \$50 MILLION WHICH ZAMBIANS
HAVE NOT YET DRAWN DOWN, WITH REFLECTION THAT IT SEEMED
UNREASONABLE TO PLEDGE MORE WHEN FIRST CREDIT NOT YET USED.

4. J TALPOS ASKED EMBOFF WHETHER US ASSISTANCE TO BE PLEDGED ZAMBIA WOULD BE TIED TO PURCHASES IN US. BOTH THIS QUESTION AND BOGDAN'S REFERENCE TO UNUSED BILATERAL CREDIT SUGGEST ONE MAJOR FOCUS OF GOR INTEREST IN THIS EXERCISE WILL BE EXPANSION OF ITS OWN ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH ZAMBIA, AMONG OTHER THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. PRESENT

TRADE LEVELS, ACCORDING TO GOR DESK OFFICER FOR ZAMBIA, ARE VERY LOW, WITH COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS IN FACT IN THEIR INFANCY. GOR MAY THEREFORE VIEW INFUSIONS OF HARD CURRENCY ASSISTANCE INTO ZAMBIA AS OPPORTUNITY FOR EXPANSION OF TRADE AND OTHER ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH ZAMBIA.

5. EREMIA IS FAVORABLY KNOWN TO EMBASSY. HE HAS SERVED AS MEMBER OF GOR DELEGATION TO IMF-IBRD MEETINGS. EMBASSY HAS CONSULTED WITH HIM IN ADVANCE OF SUCH MEETINGS AND BEEN BRIEFED BY HIM SUBSEQUENT TO THEM. HE IS KNOWLEDGEABLE AND, WITHIN PARAMETERS IMPOSED BY GOR POLICY, COOPERATIVE.

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